GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker - Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada City – Detention of Sri Pedasanaganti Praneeth @ Praneeth Marley, S/o Venkata Krishna, A/23Yrs, C/Rajaka,D.No.24-2-28/6-15, Eedupuganti Lakshmanarao Street, Government School Backside, Durgapuram, Vijayawada City, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1140 Dated: 26-09-2025

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018.
2. From the Commissioner of Police & Additional District Magistrate, NTR District, Vijayawada, C.No.4994/M1/CP-NTR Police Commissionerate/ 2025, dt.28.06.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada City has reported that adverting to the above subject, the Inspector of Police, Suryaraopeta PS has placed before the Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada City and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Pedasanaganti Praneeth@Praneeth Marley, S/o Venkata Krishna, A/23Yrs, C/Rajaka,D.No.24-2-28/6-15, Eedupuganti Lakshmanarao Street, Government School Backside, Durgapuram, Vijayawada City, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh (hereinafter referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988).

2. He is a habitual offender of illicit ganja/cannabis trafficking, and generally operates along with his accomplices. Currently, he is actively involved in the clandestine business of smuggling cannabis (Ganja) from tribal areas of Vishakhapatnam District, to the Vijayawada city and its surroundings. Despite facing several cases booked against him, he continues to commit offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. He engages in the purchase, storage, sale and illicit trafficking of cannabis (Ganja) in territorial jurisdiction of NTR Police Commissionerate and its neighboring districts. Further submitted that the detenue is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the drug consumers are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

3. Sri Pedasanaganti Praneeth@Praneeth Marley, S/o Venkata Krishna, A/23Yrs, C/Rajaka,D.No.24-2-28/6-15, Eedupuganti Lakshmanarao Street, Government School Backside, Durgapuram, Vijayawada City, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh does not hold any license or permit to deal with any Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. There is a statutory ban on the production, purchase, storage, transport and sale of cannabis.

Despite the ban on illicit drug traffic, Sri Pedasanaganti Praneeth@Praneeth Marley, S/o Venkata Krishna, along with his associates, engages in clandestine procurement, possession, transport, and sale of cannabis. The detenue and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. The use and consumption of cannabis pose a severe threat to public health, leading to widespread danger to public lives and resulting in severe psychotic disorders. Therefore, he is involved in "illicit traffic" under Sec.2 (e) (iii) of the Prevention of illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 and his actions are prejudicial to Public Health.

4. Several cases were registered against Sri Pedasanaganti Praneeth@Praneeth Marley, S/o Venkata Krishna, A/23Yrs, C/Rajaka,D.No.24-2-28/6-15, Eedupuganti Lakshmanarao Street, Government School Backside, Durgapuram, Vijayawada City, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh at different police stations in NTR District. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988), to detain the said individual (detenue) and deter him from committing further criminal activities. He was accused in the following cases:-

S. No. (1)	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station (2)	Ganja Seized (in Kg's) (3)	Stage of the Case (4)
1.	Cr.No.27/2022 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act-1985 of Maredumilli PS, East Godavari Dist.,(ASR District)	10 Kgs	Pending Trail
2.	Cr.No.141/2023 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act-1985 of Governorpet PS, NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.	0.7Kg	Pending Trail
3.	Cr.No.22/2025 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act-1985 of Suryaraopet PS, NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.	9 Kgs	Under Investigation

5. GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:

1.Cr.No.27/2022 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act-1985 of Maredumilli PS, East Godavari Dist.,(ASR District).

This is a case of illegal purchase, sale and possession of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drug(Cannabis-Ganja) that occurred on This is a case of illegal possession and transportation of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drug (Ganja) that occurred on 3-4-2022 at 4.00 PM at Kotha colony, Boduluru road, outskirts of Maredumilli village and Mandal and reported on the same day at 6.30 PM, wherein the accused A1.Panchakarla Mohan Durga Prasad, A2.Shaik Kalisha, A3.Pasupuleti Chandan, A4.Pidasanagandi Praneeth, and A5.Yasangi Siva Bharat were arrested, while they were possession and transporting of Ganja from interior forest area ie., from Visakha Rural area to Vijayawada with active instigation of A6.Gopi, A7 Mukund, A8 Ravi and A9 Raju (Absconding) and seized Cement colored hand bag containing 10 KGs of Ganja, Worth about Rs.20,000/-, 2) Vehicles: 1.Black colored Pulsor-220 bearing No. AP 07 DR 6891 Engine NO. DKYCJK04589 Chasis

No.MDZA13EY1JCK05144 2. Honda Activa motor cycle No. AP39 MC 8126 Engine NO. JF91EG4045395 Chasis No. ME4JF917MMG045233 1) OPPO- Model-A15 with SIM No. 7013763077 vide IMEI No.863769051222798 & 863769051222780 from A1, 2) OPPO F9 Pro with SIM No 9989824220 &6304292896 vide IMEI NO. 869066047516019 & 8690660475160001 from A2. 3) Oppo Reno-6 with SIm No.8919982439 vide IMEI No. 865924053660853 & 865924053660846 from A3, 4) Oppo-A31 with SIM No.8978509383 vide IMEI NO.867498043230398 & 867498043230380 from A5. The entire process was recorded under mediators report in the presence of Gazetted officer ie., Sri Patan Saleem Khan, Principal, APTWR College, Maredumilli and two mediators. SI Maredumilli seized the property and brought to Police station and handed over the same to me, then gave instructions to keep them under safe custody and also instructed him to register a case.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt. Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that it is GANJA and the present stage of the Case is Pending Trial vide SC.No.49/2024, Dt.02.09.2024 in the Hon'ble Ist Additional District and Sessions Judge Court, Rajamahendravaram.

2. Cr.No.141/2023 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act-1985 of Governorpet PS, NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.

This is a case of illegal purchase, possession and sale of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drug (Cannabis-Ganja) that occurred on 17.04.2023 in between 09.00 to 10.30 hrs at inside Gora Park, Hanumanapet, Vijayawada City and reported on 17.04.2023 at 12.00hrs in which the complainant P.Viswanadh, Sub-Inspector of Police of Governorpet PS received credible information about of ganja, informed the same to his superior officers and secured presence of mediators and left PS along with mediators, staff and went in to the Gora Park and noticed the accused were 01. Maddula. Jeevan S/o Prasad, A/19, C/Vysya, Chikista hospital road, near Ice factory, Payakapuram, Vijayawada. Along with Child in conflict with Law (CCL) Pinniti Nikhith S/o Srinivasarao, A/17yrs, C/T.Kapu, BNR Street, near Sivalayam, Visalandhra, Vijayawada on seeing the Police, they tried to escape from the spot, then with the assistance of staff, stopped them and questioned about their identity, they voluntarily confessed about their commission of offence and seized 700 grams of Ganja from their possession who bought the said Ganja from one Pedasanaganti Praneeth (Absconding)

On 21.04.2023 at about 10.00hrs on credible information in the presence of Gazetted Officer, Mediators and staff got secured the absconding accused A2.) Pedasanaganti Praneeth S/o Venkata Krishna, A/21Yrs, C/Rajaka, D.No.24-28-24/6, Challapalli vaari Veedhi, Satyanarayanapuram, Vijayawada alongwith A3.)Pininti Kalyan Kumar@Kalyan S/o Srinivasarao, A/19yrs, C/Turpu Kapu, 3rd line, Visalandhra Road, Chuttugunta, Vijayawada who use to purchase the above mentioned Ganja from Seeleru at Visakhapatnam and use to sell for higher rates to obtain huge profits. No ganja has been seized from their possession.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt. Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that it is GANJA and the present stage of the Case is Pending

Trial vide CC.No.5341/2023, Dt.16.10.2023 in the Hon'ble IIIrd ACMM Court, Vijayawada.

3. Cr.No.22/2025 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act-1985 of Suryaraopet PS, NTR Police Commissionerate,Vijayawada.

This is a case of illegal purchase, possession and sale of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drug (Cannabis-Ganja) that occurred on 07-02-2025 at 15:00 hours at Canal Bund, Durgapuram, Gulabithota, Vijayawada, and was reported on 07-02-2025 at 20:00 hours. The accused:1.Pedasanaganti Praneeth @Praneeth Marley, S/o Venkata Krishna, 23 years, C/Rajaka, R/o near Sunayana Clinic, Edupuganti Lakshmana Rao Street, Durgapuram, Vijayawada. 2.Gadham Jaswanth @ Chandu, S/o Ramesh, 20 years, C/Mala, R/o Saipuram Colony, Beside Endowment Office, Gollapudi, Vijayawada.3.Kodali Emarald, S/o Rajiv Mohan, 23 years, C/Madiga, R/o Yadavula Bazar, Prasadampadu, Vijayawada 4.Ganga Srinu, S/o Prakash, 24 years, C/Pondara, R/o D.No.24-11/2-37, 4th Line, Bavajipet, SN Puram, Vijayawada.,5.Mayara Mahesh, S/o Srinivasa Rao, 22 years, C/Yadava, R/o Currency Nagar, Ramavarappadu, Vijayawada. 6.Kakarla Chaitanya @Chaitu, S/o Virupaksha, 19 years, C/Mala, R/o D.No.18-3-1, 1st Line, near Prabhas College, Kedareswarapet, Vijayawada were caught in possession of 9 KGs of contraband ganja, which they intended to sell for illegal profit. The ganja was seized under the cover of a mediators report, and the accused were arrested. During interrogation, the accused revealed that they had procured 10 KGs of ganja from Suresh@Vicky R/o Kuramanuru Village of Odisha State, out of which they had already sold 1 KG and consumed some for personal use. The remaining accused, Cherry and Uday who contributed some amount to both praneeth and Jaswanth to purchase Ganja are absconding. The case is under investigation for the arrest of the remaining accused.

Subsequently the seized sample was sent to the Govt. Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that it is GANJA and in this case two more accused are yet to be arrested.

6. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is an "illicit trafficker" as classified under section 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988(PITNDPS Act, 1988) and acting prejudicial to the maintenance of the Public Health.

7. The other following cases that registered against Sri Pedasanaganti Praneeth @ Praneeth Marley, S/o Venkata Krishna, A/23Yrs, C/Rajaka,D.No.24-2-28/6-15, Eedupuganti Lakshmanarao Street, Government School Backside, Durgapuram, Vijayawada City, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh as stated below:

S. No	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station	Stage of the Case
1.	Cr.No.27/2022 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act-1985 of Maredumilli PS, East Godavari Dist.,(ASR District)	Pending Trail
2.	Cr.No.22/2025 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act-1985 of Suryaraopet PS, Vijayawada, NTR Dist.	Pending Trail

8. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading by the accused Sri Pedasanaganti Praneeth @ Praneeth Marley, S/o Venkata Krishna, A/23Yrs, C/Rajaka,D.No.24-2-28/6-15, Eedupuganti Lakshmanarao Street, Government School Backside, Durgapuram, Vijayawada City, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988(PITNDPS Act, 1988).

9. Sri Pedasanaganti Praneeth @ Praneeth Marley, S/o Venkata Krishna, A/23Yrs, C/Rajaka,D.No.24-2-28/6-15, Eedupuganti Lakshmanarao Street, Government School Backside, Durgapuram, Vijayawada City, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh along with his associates, do frequently commit offenses without any hesitation. He is an active member and has been involved in various cases that adversely affect the day-to-day administration of police officials, and his activities can become detrimental to both the police and the public. The detenue and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

10. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illegal activities of the accused under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Vijayawada and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately Public Health.

11. The offender repeatedly resorts to illicit drug Traffic offenses for easy and quick money with small investments, disregarding the penalties under the NDPS Act, 1985. Catching the offenders is a difficult and laborious process requiring meticulous planning and many man-hours, making it impossible to prevent the immediate recurrence of similar activities. These activities adversely affect the community, creating insecurity and danger to the public's life and health, causing a disturbance in the locality, and impacting public health.

12. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue(Excise) Department, under section 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O. Ms. No. 131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Pedasanaganti Praneeth @ Praneeth Marley, S/o Venkata Krishna, A/23Yrs, C/Rajaka,D.No.24-2-28/6-15, Eedupuganti Lakshmanarao Street, Government School Backside, Durgapuram, Vijayawada City, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

13. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Pedasanaganti Praneeth @ Praneeth Marley, S/o Venkata Krishna, A/23Yrs, C/Rajaka,D.No.24-2-28/6-15, Eedupuganti Lakshmanarao Street, Government School Backside, Durgapuram, Vijayawada City, NTR

District, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a representation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

14. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNER OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Superintendent, Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore.
Copy to:
Sri Pedasanaganti Praneeth@Praneeth Marley, S/o Venkata Krishna, A/23Yrs, C/Rajaka,D.No.24-2-28/6-15, Eedupuganti Lakshmanarao Street, Government School Backside, Durgapuram, Vijayawada City, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh (Through Inspector of Police, Suryaraopeta PS).
The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
The Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada.
The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.
The Inspector of Police, Suryaraopeta PS, Vijayawada City (To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).
The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favour of information.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.
The PS to Secretary to Govt., Law Department.
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